

**Tom Welscott**

3653 W. Cedar Lake Rd , Greenbush, Michigan 48738

December 16, 2005 08:57 AM

The Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

Dear The Federal Communications Commission:

The flat-fee Universal Service Fund proposal is unfair. I urge you to oppose this plan. I am one of the millions of consumers that will be unfairly taxed at a higher rate under the flat fee plan. The flat-fee would mean a tax hike for people like me -- consumers that use prepaid cellular phones or make few long distance calls.

I support the Keep USF Fair Coalition, and monitor this issue on their website. Stopping the flat fee tax is important to my family - not to mention my pocket book. You will hear from me again, until this issue is resolved fairly! The flat-fee is unfair, and un-American.

Under the flat fee proposal you are considering, people who make few long distance calls would pay the same as people or businesses that make many calls. In other words, low-volume and primarily residential customers would bear the same universal service fund burden as high-volume residential or business customers. I urge you to reject this flat-fee proposal.

Thank you.

cc: FCC Chair Kevin Martin, Congress

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tom Welscott', written over a horizontal line.

Tom Welscott

cc:

Senator Carl Levin  
Representative Bart Stupak  
Senator Debbie Stabenow

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Kevin J. Martin, Chairman  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th St. SW  
Washington, DC, 20554

P.O. Box 1624  
Ross, CA 94957

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Dear Mr. Martin:

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Sincerely,



Bonnie Edwards

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Dan Wilson

4227 Hickman Rd. , Columbus, OH 43224-2324

December 1, 2005 10:29 AM

Senator George Voinovich  
U.S. Senate  
524 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

Dear Senator Voinovich:

I have serious concerns regarding the Federal Communications Commissions' (FCC) position to change the Universal Service Fund (USF) collection method to a monthly flat fee. Many of your constituents, including me, my friends, family and neighbors, will be negatively impacted by the unfair change proposed by the FCC.

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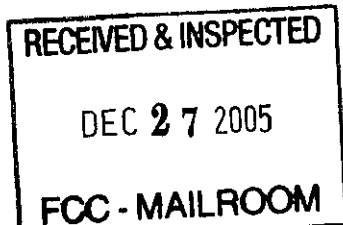
Thank you for your continued work and I look forward to hearing about your position on this matter.

Sincerely,

Dan Wilson

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David Samples

114 Gray Rock Drive , Rome, GA 30165-1060

November 1, 2005 12:02 PM

Senator Johnny Isakson  
U.S. Senate  
120 Russell Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

Dear Senator Isakson:

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Sincerely,

David Samples

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BRIAN STEFAN

2800 NE 174th AVE. , VANCOUVER, WA 98682

November 1, 2005 11:04 AM

Senator Patty Murray  
U.S. Senate  
173 Russell Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

Dear Senator Murray:

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Sincerely,

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Rhonda Cable - FCC - MAIL ROOM

149 Mountain View Circle, Hampton, TN 37658

November 30, 2005 11:27 PM

Senator Bill Frist  
U.S. Senate  
509 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

Dear Senator Frist:

I have serious concerns regarding the Federal Communications Commissions' (FCC) position to change the Universal Service Fund (USF) collection method to a monthly flat fee. Many of your constituents, including me, my friends, family and neighbors, will be negatively impacted by the unfair change proposed by the FCC.

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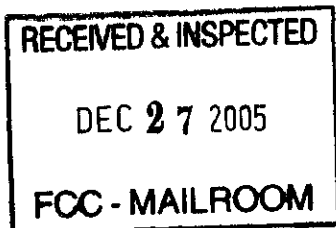
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Washington, DC, 20554

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Sincerely,

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Minda Bernstein  
U.S. Citizen

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Mary Scales

3093 Wallingford Avenue, Columbus, OH 43231

December 1, 2005 10:20 AM

Senator Mike DeWine  
U.S. Senate  
140 Russell Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

Dear Senator DeWine:

I have serious concerns regarding the Federal Communications Commissions' (FCC) position to change the Universal Service Fund (USF) collection method to a monthly flat fee. Many of your constituents, including me, my friends, family and neighbors, will be negatively impacted by the unfair change proposed by the FCC.

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RICHARD WAWROW

977 LONGVIEW DRIVE , NORTH ATTLEBORO, MA 02760

December 1, 2005 11:18 AM

Senator John Kerry  
U.S. Senate  
304 Russell Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

Dear Senator Kerry:

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